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Missouri Environmental Management Partnership

Is your business or organization interested in benefiting from a greater environmental awareness, improving cost controls, establishing well-defined internal procedures and responsibilities, increasing corporate morale, improving communications and public and community relations? If so, then the Missouri Environmental Management Partnership is a program designed for you.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' new voluntary program is designed to benefit businesses, organizations, communities and Missouri's natural resources. The partnership has been developed to encourage businesses, local governments, state agencies, educational institutions and other organizations to improve their environmental performance by developing and implementing an Environmental Management System (EMS).

Organizations that have implemented an EMS have a broader, more accurate view of the effects they have on the environment. Organizations with an EMS move beyond traditional environmental compliance and proactively seek the root causes of problems to prevent future recurrences, reducing their environmental liability and moving their operations toward sustainability.

For More Information

Department staff can provide more detailed information and training about the EMS requirements for participation in the partnership. For more information, contact the department's Environmental Assistance Office at 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 526-6627 or visit the Web at www.dnr.mo.gov/oac/memp-ems.htm.

Requirements

Entry into the program is voluntary, and an organization may withdraw at any time. Applicants have a variety of participation options to fit their specific needs. Generally recognized EMS criteria will be required of all applicants to include regulatory compliance and broader environmental goals. Applicants will commit to continual improvement through performance-based objectives and targets, periodic reviews and evaluation of their environmental performances.

Incentives

The partnership offers a range of possible incentives to its members, according to their level of participation in the program. Benefits include:

- Various forms of recognitions or acknowledgement
- A single point of contact within the department
- Permitting incentives
- Enforcement considerations

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